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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 3, 2005 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. As such, no petition for an extension of time or fee is believed to be due, as this response is herewith filed within the shortened statutory period. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no.: 09-0466 for any required fee deficiency.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Appendix: None.